

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 are pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-14 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY TEITELBAUM (U.S. Patent 5,872,834).

Teitelbaum relates to a telephone provided with a biometric sensing device, particularly to a telephone provided with a contact imaging device for identifying an individual using the telephone, and describes transparently identifying the current user and notifying another system (service provider) of the user identifying information.

In Teitelbaum, upon receipt of an on-hook instruction, the switch waits for receipt of biometric information from a telephone with a biometric sensing device, and upon receipt of the biometric information, retrieves known user biometric information in order to identify the user. See column 7, lines 30-43 and column 8, lines 5-11. When matching biometric information is found, the switch retrieves information regarding the user of the telephone, and sets up telephone functions and services by a predetermined method. See column 7, lines 46-53.

The outstanding Office Action asserts that Teitelbaum discloses the personal information managing step, the authentication request receiving step, the biological information authentication step, and the position registration proxy step of claim 1.

However, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Applicants are unable to find a description within Teitelbaum which describes various recitations of currently amended claim 1; specifically, retrieving personal information having biological information matching the received biological information and of changing terminal subscriber identification information in the retrieved personal information into the received terminal subscriber identification information, or transferring the subscribed terminal number in the retrieved personal information and the received terminal subscriber identification information to an exchange and of requesting position information registration.

Contrastingly, in Teitelbaum, the Applicants believe that only the user who is communicating with a telephone is identified, and there is no change in the telephone itself (such as personal information) including the telephone number.

Regarding the registration process, the Applicants believe Teitelbaum describes only that the registration process is applicable to a cellular phone because it is similar to cellular phone registration currently in effect, and accordingly fails to describe the recitations of at least currently amended claim 1.

In Teitelbaum, a description is provided wherein once a user is identified, the call is charged on the currently identified user irrespective of the owner of the cellular phone, and the functions usually provided by the cellular phone owned by the user are provided by any arbitrary cellular phone. This is only the assertion of the effect, and the Applicants believe Teitelbaum fails to disclose a method for implementing such effect. See column 8, line 64 to column 9, line 10.

Further to the aforementioned arguments, the Applicants respectfully submit they are unable to find a description within Teitelbaum which describes the recitations of currently amended claim 1.

The above comments are specifically direct to currently amended claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims over the cited reference.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

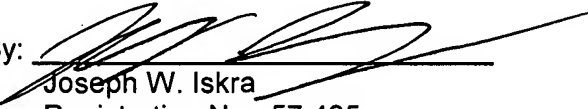
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Respectfully submitted,

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